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Lt. Col. B. R. Patten  
AC of S, G-2  
Headquarters, Ryukyus Command  
APO 331, c/o Postmaster  
San Francisco, California

Dear Colonel:

I understand that [ ] advised you last month that the FBIS project for Okinawa had been approved and that funds had been set aside for construction. I should like now to bring you up to date on our plans.

[ ] who will be our engineering representative, is now working with the Engineers at Sausalito, California, on specifications and materials. The Engineers hope to be able to call for bids about 1 August, opening then around 1 September.

We are procuring the technical and office equipment in Washington; it should be ready to ship any time after 1 September.

[ ] has been here since 1 July, working with my staff on this project. He will return to Tokyo late in August. Sometime in September we expect to transfer him permanently to Okinawa, where he will represent FBIS with your command. We will bring [ ] to Okinawa shortly before construction is scheduled to start.

We would like to have [ ] a representative of our Services Branch, on Okinawa for a few weeks about the time that construction is to start and the FBIS material is arriving. After the main building is well under way, we would plan on sending two or three radio technicians to Okinawa to assist [ ] in installing the radio equipment and antennas.

For your information, this project is off the "secret" list. It has recently been downgraded to "restricted."

I shall appreciate whatever you can do to help [ ] and [ ] get started. Principally, this will be in providing sufficient transportation to move them around until ours arrives, and in such consideration as may be proper to their desire to bring their wives to Okinawa. We hope that the Engineers will first put up some of our living quarters to avoid any extended trespassing on your hospitality.

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[ ] will return to the United States when the station is completed. It is contemplated that [ ] will remain on Okinawa.

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I hope to have an opportunity to visit Okinawa again before your tour of duty ends. If not, I hope I may see you sometime in Washington. I, as well as all from FBIS who have visited Okinawa, deeply appreciate the interest and consideration you have always shown us.

Sincerely,

L. K. White

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